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GET MAP

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PolOff discussed reftel points with Martin Pangrac of the Security Policy Department of the Slovak MFA. Pangrac said that Slovakia is one hundred percent in favor of granting Montenegro entry into MAP, and agrees with the U.S. position. Pangrac also said that Slovakia would also support MAP for Bosnia at this December's Ministerial. While Pangrac conceded that achieving consensus on Bosnia would in all likelihood not be possible, he said that Slovakia believes granting Bosnia a MAP now would help strengthen Bosnian resolve to reform. If consensus on MAP for Bosnia cannot be reached, Pangrac said that Slovakia will push for very positive and encouraging language. Pangrac said Slovakia agrees with the U.S. position on Georgia, Ukraine, and Macedonia, and underscored the importance of the open door policy and the evaluation of potential alliance members on a case-by-case basis.

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